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Subject: MLPAComments: Mismanaged Fishery

As a sportsman my whole life I have tried to give back to the resources I care about, and have enjoyed. I belong to many wildlife organizations like SCI, and have served on many of their boards and sub-committees. I have taught 20 years Hunter Safety Education for the Calif. Dept. of Fish & Game. Recently retired from a career of 37 years in Special Education in the State of California.

My wife and I recently purchased a 26ft. diesel powered fishing boat that has been our dreamboat. We did this in order to spend much of our hard earned retirement time fishing off the coast of Calif. Now we find that bottom fishing is severely curtailed via poor science. Further you are now talking about ending more fishing off our coast by the creating so called parks/closed zones. This is unacceptable! We did not stop bear & deer hunting in the early days we stopped market hunting! Why should fishing be any different?

Wrong-headed bureaucrats and so-called environmentalists are systematically denying fishing on the ocean. This is intolerable and unacceptable! This is particularly odorous and repugnant given the voodoo science and politics involved in the decision making process that seems to be in play.

Our way of life and the pursuit of our happiness have been integrally involved with the hunter gathering! life style, no less important to us then to Native Americans. Hunting and fishing has been a part of our family's very glue and soul. Having any of these taken away is an affront to our way of life and the pursuit of our family's happiness.

I ask you to carefully consider the points I have presented. I further urge you, **IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS**, for you to wholeheartedly support the interest of recreational fishermen and act with due diligence to save the livelihoods and recreational opportunities of the tens of thousands of California citizens and countless associated businesses.

Sincerely
Peter Margiotta